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In re Application of

Ronald H. KNAPP

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Examiner: Davienne N. Monbleau

Filed: March 19, 2004

For: FIBER OPTIC SENSORS FOR COMPOSITE PRESSURE TANKS

RESPONSE

To the Director of the Patent and Trademark Office

Sir:

In response to the advisory action dated July 7, 2008:

Kindly reconsider the refusal to provide a reference.

Applicant appreciates the examiner's advisory action holding. However, it is incorrect and unreasonable to hold that just because the examiner states something is well known, the burden of proof shifts to the Applicant to prove the negative.

The examiner may not have considered the meaning of "inadequate" in the sentence that ends on line 11 of 2144.03C. That meaning is that Applicant must have made a reference to the examiner's assertion of official notice. Without that reference, a general allegation would have been inadequate.